CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

ORDERS ADOPTING CONDITIONAL WAIVERS OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES FROM IRRIGATED LANDS

On 11 July 2003, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted Resolution No. R5-2003-0105, Conditional Waivers of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges From Irrigated Lands Within the Central Valley Region (Conditional Waivers) pursuant to Water Code Section 13269 for discharges from irrigated lands to surface waters. Resolution No. R5-2003-0105 expires on 31 December 2005.

The Central Valley Water Board will consider adopting two Orders to take effect on 1 January 2006. Both Orders contain two attachments. Attachment A in both Orders is Applicable Water Quality Control Plans and Definitions for Discharges from Irrigated Lands to Surface Waters. Attachment B in both Orders is the Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Dischargers From Irrigated Lands, one specific to Coalition Groups and the other specific to Individual Dischargers.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE:

28 November 2005

TIME:

8:30 A.M.

PLACE:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit such comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than 21 November 2005. Written comments submitted after 21 November 2005 will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record unless allowed by the Central Valley Water Board. The administrative record for this matter includes the administrative record for the 2003 Conditional Waivers.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ORDERS ADOPTING CONDITIONAL WAIVERS OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES FROM IRRIGATED LANDS

All interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting and are expected to orally summarize their written comments. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Central Valley Water Board Chairman.

Anyone having questions on this matter should contact Ms. Wendy Cohen at (916) 464-5817. Interested parties may download related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/programs/irrigated_lands/index.html#News. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Water Board hearings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html. Information on meeting and hearing procedures are also available on the Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The meeting facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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Assistant Executive Officer

10 November 2005